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Dear Mr. Hansen:

RE: East Locust Creek Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the East Locust Creek Revised Plan. EPA reviewed this FEIS document in accordance with our responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act. This FEIS was assigned Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) number 20060329.

EPA appreciates the additional information and discussion of issues that were conveyed as concerns in our comments on the Draft EIS (DEIS). This FEIS suggests that some data is not yet available: including the results of a Phase I cultural resources survey, scheduled for Fall/Winter 2006, and a clear delineation of the exact locations of wetland mitigation (which will be located in shallow areas of the reservoir and, if necessary, in the upper reaches of the East Locust Creek Watershed and the south end of Fountain Grove Conservation Area). Ideally, of course, this data would have been available for inclusion in the FEIS, but we are encouraged that your plans include the collection and proper use of such information in the ultimate construction of the project.

If you have any questions or require additional assistance, you can contact me at (913)-551-7656 or [smith.stephenk@epa.gov](mailto:smith.stephenk@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Smith".

Stephen Smith  
NEPA Reviewer  
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